

DEPARTMENT HAS PROVED FAILURE

Few Students at V. P. I. Care to Take the Course in Agriculture.

STATE AID ENDANGERED

Deep Gloom Among Alumni and Friends of Blacksburg Institution.

(Staff Correspondence.)
BLACKSBURG, VA., June 10.—The mid of the festivities attendant upon the commencement at the V. P. I. there is a decided undercurrent of regret at the fact that the agricultural department of the institution is a failure. The various members of the faculty connected with the department decline to make any statement, and the members of the board of visitors are ominously silent, but the truth has leaked out and has caused much excitement among the friends of the institution and the alumni now gathered here.

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In doing this, the interests of other departments have been neglected. The engineering department, according to those best posted regarding the situation, has been forced to accommodate itself to insufficient quarters, and other scientific departments have been cramped in their laboratory space and in their teaching force in order to provide funds for the agricultural department.

Owing to these large expenditures, the institution has come to be regarded as essentially an agricultural school, and as such receives a liberal allowance from the Legislature. The State is supposed to train its future engineers at the V. P. I. its school-teachers at William and Mary, and it offers its general academic and scientific courses at the University of Virginia. To promote the agricultural interests of the State and to properly provide for the training of its future engineers, the Legislature has emphasized the agricultural work at Blacksburg. The funds of the institution have been ample for this purpose. In fact, the total income of the institution from the Legislature, from the United States Government and from the fees paid by students were in the neighborhood of \$200,000 during the past session.

There is deep discontent here at the failure of this effort to promote agricultural study, costing, as it has, this great sum of money. No one seems to know exactly why, but for some reason students do not take the agricultural courses. During the last session there were only four seniors in the institution who proposed to graduate in agriculture, and only about as many juniors. In fact, the entire attendance upon the agricultural courses by the collegiate students of the institution numbered only seventy-eight out of a total collegiate attendance of 462. It is by no means sure that a large percentage of the sophomore and freshman now taking agriculture will continue in that department.

In addition, the eighty-three apprentices are required to do a certain amount of work in agriculture, but as these courses are largely in subjects which are taught in the grammar or high schools of the State, they are not considered as regular students of the department.

In addition to the failure of the agricultural department to attract large numbers of students, it is reported that the department has not been successful in other respects. The farm has been a failure for several years, the stock suffered heavily and the entire department seems to be in an unsettled state.

The chief fear expressed by those familiar with the situation is that the next Legislature may notice the failure of the agricultural department and may materially reduce the appropriation to the institution.

At to-day's meeting of the board all the members were present, except Messrs. Eggleston and Smith. After a long session, the business of the meeting adjourned until July 14, when it is thought that the entire management of the institution will be subjected to a searching investigation.

J. C. Carrington was re-elected rector and the executive committee was continued for another year. Mr. Barker met with the board for the first time and was appointed a member of the committee of the agricultural department and finance committee, succeeding the late J. W. Churchman. Resolutions were adopted concerning Mr. Churchman and his service on the board. The hearing of reports from the various committees on the various matters pending before the board was deferred until the July meeting. Most of the members left this afternoon for their homes.

RAILWAY MEN CONFERENCE

Plans Being Mapped Out for Norfolk

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., June 10.—A meeting of considerable import was held in Norfolk to-day. It had to do with the mapping out of the future of the Norfolk and Southern Railroad, now in the hands of the receivers of the Federal court. What the plans are is not known as yet, and those in the conference are silent.

Those known to be in the conference are: Marsden J. Perry, the controlling spirit in the road, owning a majority of the underwritings and stock; Receivers Harry K. Wolcott, H. M. Kerr and E. T. Lamb; Edward R. Baird, Jr., general solicitor; J. A. O. Groner, general solicitor to the manager; and T. L. Chadbourne, general counsel for the receivers.

A luncheon was one of the features of the conference at the Virginia Club. It is believed that the recent acquisition of the hotel site at Virginia Beach was in part the reason for the conference, and that it means that the road will shortly build a handsome hotel on the site of the old Princess Anne, either through a subsidiary corporation or by the receivers at the direction of the court, using receivers' certificates.

Cars Are Piled Up.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
DANVILLE, VA., June 10.—Traffic over the Southern Railway was delayed for nearly ten hours to-day as the result of a freight wreck near Rail Creek, seven miles north of here. Seven cars loaded with merchandise were derailed. The accident was caused by a broken flange. No one was injured.

Guilt of Murder.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
DANVILLE, VA., June 10.—Lucy Carver, a negro woman, pleaded guilty in the Corporation Court to-day to the murder of her new-born child and was sentenced to five years in prison.

THE LACY FAMILY REUNION AT SCOTTSBURG



(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SCOTTSBURG, VA., June 10.—The above picture shows the Lacy family reunion, which took place at the home of J. T. Lacy, Scottsburg, recently.

The event was in honor of the eighty-second birthday of M. T. Lacy. There are forty-four children and grandchildren.

Day's News in Short Paragraphs

NEW YORK.—Systematically robbed by his two young daughters at the instigation of their pretty fifteen-year-old playmate, Pasquale Genaro, an Italian banker of Hoboken, caused the arrest of Annie Stoffens.

BOSTON.—A verdict for the defense was given in the Supreme Court in the libel suit of former college chum, Dr. Leonard Pearson, dean of the veterinary department of the University of Pennsylvania, after she and the latter were overcome by gas. Dr. Pearson's blood to be transfused from his veins to hers.

WINSTED, CONN.—A large swarm of bees alighted on a tree on Main Street and held up pedestrians and teams. Horses were stung and so much excitement was created that the police were called to the scene.

PHILADELPHIA.—George H. Earle, Jr., receiver of the Pennsylvania Sugar Refining Company, who forced the Sugar Trust to settle his suit for an enormous sum, was arrested by General Bonaparte of having ignored the evidence and accused Attorney-General Wickham of having represented the trust.

PHILADELPHIA.—In a heroic effort to save the life of the mother of his dearest friend and college chum, Dr. Leonard Pearson, dean of the veterinary department of the University of Pennsylvania, after she and the latter were overcome by gas, Dr. Pearson's blood to be transfused from his veins to hers.

BUTLER, PA.—That a man who makes a disparaging remark about a woman should be killed is a lesson learned on the spot by her escort was the decision of Burgess George W. Amy to-day.

A society man whose wife had been insulted appealed to the burgess.

"Your remedy lay in your fists," said the burgess.

LONDON.—Arthur Balfour, leader of the opposition in the House of Commons, Secretary of War, Lord Lansdowne, Field Marshal Earl Roberts, speaking at the imperial press conference on the defense of the empire, stated that he agreed with every word Lord Rosebery and Sir Edward Grey had uttered with regard to the danger of the European outlook and the need of preparation on the part of the British empire.

NEW YORK.—In a speech that fairly sizzled with denunciation of crooked traction millionaires and crooked politicians, and in which he did not hesitate to mention names, Justice William J. Gaynor, of the Supreme Court, aroused an audience of 5,000 men and women in Prospect Hall, Brooklyn, into a fever of enthusiasm that kept it cheering for minutes at a time.

ALBANY, N. Y.—Joseph Florio, an Italian, was arrested after he had called at the home of Bishop T. M. A. Burke, where he is alleged to have made a threat that he would shoot the bishop, who was in Troy at this time.

NEW YORK.—Holding court in the street in the pouring rain because a horse was too big to get through the court doors was the innovation of the court today. A large crowd of spectators who filed out of Essex Market Court to watch the diverting proceedings.

CHICAGO.—Capable men of to-day care more for the dollars than they do for their country, according to Governor.

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GOT LONG TERMS

Hustings Court Prisoners Find Little Mercy under John Road Gang.
Four negroes, one of them a woman, were convicted in the Hustings Court yesterday morning on various charges of housebreaking and burglary, and all were sentenced to the penitentiary, the longest term being received by James Jones, who on three charges of burglary, was sentenced to fifteen years on the public roads.

James Jones was found guilty of one of two charges of housebreaking, and was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary. On account of the condition the second indictment was nolle prossed, as it is believed she will not long survive her present term.

Joe Tucker got ten years on the roads for grand larceny, two indictments against him being nolle prossed. James Jones and Alexander Coleman were tried for burglary. Jones being found guilty and receiving a sentence of five years, and Coleman being acquitted. However, on the representations of the police that Coleman bears a generally bad reputation, he was required by the court to give \$500 security for twelve months, in default of which he went to jail for that time.

Two more indictments were brought against Jones, and he got five years each.

Emmett James got five years on each of two charges and two years on a third, making twelve years in all.

BOSTON'S "PASTOR AT LARGE" DEAD

Edward Everett Hale, Famous as Author and Philanthropist, Passes Away.

BOSTON, MASS., June 10.—The morning light was breaking as the venerable Rev. Edward Everett Hale, D. D., chaplain of the United States Senate, Unitarian minister, philanthropist, author, journalist, and lover of peace, breathed his last in Roxbury.

At the bedside were his wife, his daughter, Mrs. D. D. Hale, and his son, Philip L. Hale, the artist. Two other sons, Arthur Hale, of Washington, and Professor Edward Everett Hale, Jr., of Union College, returned home this afternoon. To-morrow it is expected that partial arrangements for the funeral on Sunday in the South Congregational Church, of which Dr. Hale was the pastor emeritus, will be announced.

On his return from Washington a few weeks ago it was reported that Dr. Hale was not in good health, but he soon regained his activities, and until Tuesday attended meetings and received friends. Last night, however, he showed signs of distress, and rapidly weakening, passed peacefully away in the early hours of the morning. It seemed to-day as if the whole country joined in mourning the loss of Dr. Hale. Messages expressing sorrow and esteem poured into the Hale household, one of the first being from President and Mrs. Taft.

Wrote Many Books.
Edward Everett Hale, known as Boston's "pastor at large," was born in Boston, Mass., on April 8, 1822. He was graduated at Harvard College in 1842 and in 1855 was called to the South Congregational (Unitarian) Church, of Boston, which he served forty years or more.

During his ministerial career he was active in social, educational and philanthropic enterprises; organized the Harry Wadsworth Club, which has numerous branches in the United States and Europe, and the Look-Up Legion among American Sunday schools; edited "Original Documents from the State Paper Office, London and the British Museum, illustrating the History of Sir W. Raleigh's First American Colony and the Colony of Jamestown," and many historical works, pamphlets and papers; contributed largely to the periodical press and attained wide popularity as a lecturer.

To the rising generations he was best known as a writer of charming fiction and history. Among his best known works were

the following: "The Man Without a Country," "Ten Times One Is Ten," "Margaret Percival in America," "In His Name," "Mr. Tangier's Vacation," "Mrs. Merriam's Scholars," "His Level Best," "The Ingham Papers," "Ups and Downs," "Philip Nolan's Friends," "Fortunes of Rachel," "Four and Five," "Crucifix in New York," "Christmas Eve and Christmas Day," "Christmas in Narragansett," "Our Christmas in a Palace," "Sketches in Christian History," "Kansas in Nebraska," "What Careers? Boys' Heroes," "The Story of Massachusetts," "Sybels and Other Homes," "For Fifty Years" (poems); "A New England Boyhood," "Chautauquian History of the United States," "If Jesus Came to Boston," "Memories of a Hundred Years" and others.

Chaplain of Senate.
WASHINGTON, June 10.—Dr. Hale had been the chaplain of the United States Senate since 1903. The news of his death reached the Senate early in the day and was received with general expression of regret. Dr. Hale wore a long clerical robe when officiating in the Senate, and made the prayer service impressive rather than perfunctory. It was his habit to repeat the Lord's Prayer. Formerly he would ask the Senators to join with him in doing so. On account, however, of repeated failures to obtain a response he at last desisted in this practice.

As long as he was able to do so Dr. Hale made it a practice to visit Senators at their seats. He was personally known to all of them.

OTEE BATTERY REUNION

Veterans and Sons Meet at Pumphouse for Annual Picnic.

The annual reunion of the survivors of the Otee Battery was held yesterday at the Old Pumphouse. A. W. Grant resigned as president, and William G. Miller was elected to the position. Lewis H. Blair, Sr., was chosen vice-president, and Dr. Greer Baughman, secretary and treasurer.

There were present from out of town Robert Gwathmey, of New York; R. S. Denny, of Washington; John P. Webster, of Boston; Robert Butler, of Chesterfield; John H. Sharp, Henderson, N. C.; Lewis H. Blair, William G. Miller, Alexander Grant, G. Watt Taylor, William H. Stratton, Thomas R. Thompson, John M. Nolting, C. C. Bridges, J. B. Page, R. L. Glazebrook, R. B. Wood and Jud. E. Wood.

Sons of Veterans.—Dr. Greer Baughman, Julien Binford, E. P. Cox, Steve Davies, W. Harrison Blair, Walter Dabney Blair, Lewis Harvey Blair, J. Donald McKinzie Blair, Ed Turpin Phillips, R. W. Taylor.

Resolutions were presented in memory of the former secretary, Charles C. Baughman.

NEW VIRGINIA CONCERNS

The Corporation Commission yesterday issued the following charters:

Economy Store (Inc.), Norfolk. L. Westheimer, president and treasurer; L. Stern, vice-president; Herndon Westheimer, secretary—all of Norfolk. Capital: Maximum, \$10,000; minimum, \$3,000. Object: Retail business.

Penders (Inc.), Norfolk. G. F. Powell, president; J. E. L. Bohannon, vice-president; Geo. L. Pender, secretary and treasurer—all of Norfolk. Capital: Maximum, \$1,000; minimum, \$500. Object: Vehicle business.

The Oakland Development Corporation, Norfolk. W. A. Ross, president; O. L. Shackelford, vice-president; Garrett Walters, secretary and treasurer—all of Norfolk. Capital: Maximum, \$15,000; minimum, \$1,000. Object: Real estate business.

The Arlington Development and Investment Company (Inc.), Alexandria. V. H. Squire, president; Falls Church. J. L. Jacobson, secretary. W. H. Carpenter, treasurer, Falls Church. Capital: Maximum, \$25,000; minimum, \$500. Object: Real estate business.

ALDRICH FORGES REPEL ASSAULTS

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GENERAL FREDERICK D. GRANT, Son of Great Federal Commander, Who Was Central Figure of Remarkable Scene in Memphis Yesterday.

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mining, which denoted their arm of the service.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, several thousand strong, closed the parade. They, too, were accompanied by a host of beautiful young women as sponsors and maids of honor, while behind them rode the official chaplains.

ON to Vicksburg.
The Virginia delegation left to-night on a special train for Vicksburg, Miss., to attend the ceremonies attendant upon the unveiling of the monument to General Stephen D. Lee. Virginia was well represented in the parade to-day, the sponsors and maids of honor

especially making an excellent showing.

At a meeting of the recently constituted executive council of the Sons of Confederate Veterans to-day, Memphis was retained as the temporary headquarters of the Confederation and Nathan Bedford Forrest was named as temporary adjutant-general. Permanent headquarters will be selected at a subsequent meeting of the executive council.

Authority was also given the commanding officer to direct members of the council to attend State reunions and a committee was appointed to present a plan for the publishing of an official periodical.

CROPS LOOK FINE

California Says Hard Times Have No Effect on Farmers.

V. A. Tapscott, formerly of this State, now a large land-holder and capitalist of Red Bluff, Cal., is stopping at the Lexington Hotel. He has for a number of years made his home in the West. His last visit to Virginia was two years ago.

"Though the recent financial stress," said Mr. Tapscott, "has been felt by business men in the West as well as in this section of the country, agricultural interests seem to have suffered very little. In my trips across the continent, and I have made many, I have never seen crops of various kinds looking better. I believe that it will not be long before the entire country has recovered entirely."

Mr. Tapscott will be in the city for several days.

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State Deputy Supreme Commander D. W. Gall, of the Knights of the Macabees, of Washington, has been in the city for several days, looking after the interests of the local lodges. He is the department commander for the District of Columbia and Virginia. Next Monday night a meeting will be held at the Lexington Hotel, at Richmond Tent, No. 4, at Lee Camp Hall, at which time the first degree will be conferred on several candidates.